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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Rosa Linda Banda, age 54 of Cozad, Nebraska, was sentenced by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, to a five year term of probation following Banda's conviction for marriage fraud and fraud and misuse of immigration documents. As part of the probation, Banda must serve four months of house arrest. In addition to the term of probation, Banda was ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000 and \$200 in special assessments.

Banda pled guilty to entering into a sham marriage with Armando Orozco-Sanchez, an illegal alien, with the intent to evade the immigration laws of the United States. Banda agreed to marry Orozco-Sanchez for money and agreed to falsify documents provided to the United States for the purpose of allowing Orozco-Sanchez to apply for eligibility to remain in the United States. In fact, Sanchez and Banda did not live together.

Name of Defendant: Rosa Linda Banda

AKA:

Age: 54

City of residence: Cozad, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Marriage Fraud, 8 U.S.C. Section 1325(c)- Penalty is up to 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, up to 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 Special Assessment. Fraud and Misuse of Immigration Documents, 18 U.S.C. Section 1546(a) - Penalty is up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, up to 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Cozad, NE

Location of Arrest: Cozad, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Armando Orozco-Sanchez

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I - November 29, 2004
Count V - December 8, 2004

Federal Arrest Date: June 24, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: June 18, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: June 24, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): September 25, 2009

Sentencing Date: December 15, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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